

Module 2.1

Preparing to Drive

Montana Teen Driver
Education and Training

Preparing to Drive Questions

- What do I need to know and what should I do to get ready to drive?
- Why should I and all my passengers wear seatbelts in my car or pickup?

Before You Leave the House

- Destination
- Decide your route
- Let someone know
- Check
 - Wallet or purse
 - Gas money
 - Weather and road conditions

Never Drives

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Drowsy
- Emotional
- Extreme or worsening weather

Working in groups of two or three, come up with a list of situations in which you should never drive.

You have 2 minutes! Go!

Approach



Prepare



Stow and Secure



Enter and Adjust







Getting Ready to Drive

PEP ACTIVITY

LOCKS

SEATBELTS

MIRRORS

IGNITION

LIGHTS

EMERGENCY BRAKE

LSMILE

Locks

- Why should I lock my doors right after I get into the car?
- How can locked doors help in the event of a crash?

Seat and Seatbelt

- Why should you adjust your seat before putting on your seatbelt?
- How should you adjust your head restraint for greatest protection?

Why Wear Seatbelts?



Mirrors

Modified Mirror Settings

*Mirror settings slides used with permission from
Oregon DE Curriculum*

Adjust the left side mirrors out slightly



Tilt your head to the left & move the mirror outward to see the same bit of your car.



Modern Setting

Adjust the right side mirrors out slightly



Follow the same sequence to adjust the right outside rear view mirror: tilt head, see a bit of the car, then sit up straight.



Modern Setting

When you sit up you won't see the sides of your car. The smaller overlap widens your view, reduces the size of the blindspots on both sides of the car and reduces nighttime glare.



Modern Mirror Setting

Modern Setting

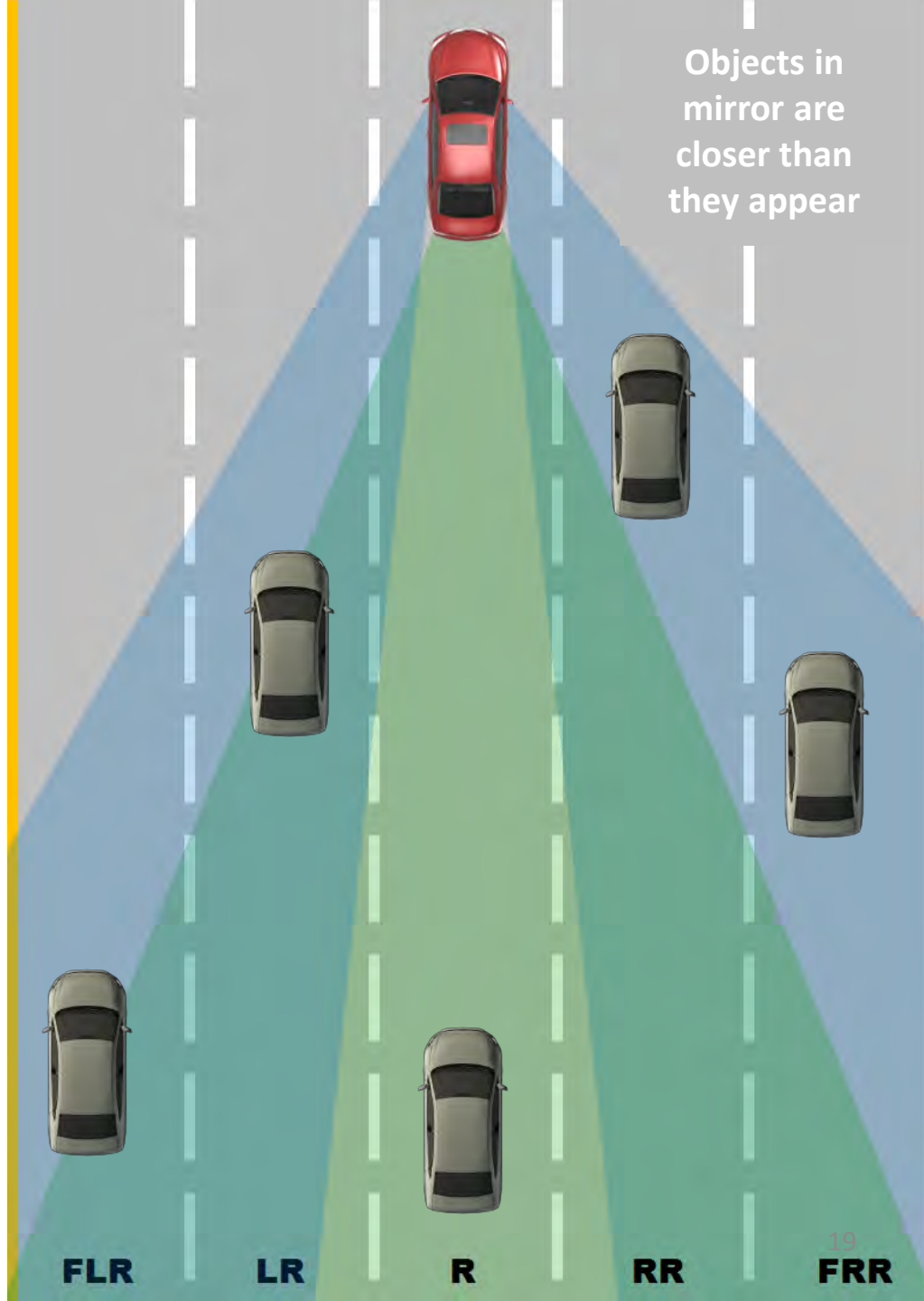
Widens your view to the sides.

As a vehicle disappears from the inside mirror it becomes visible in an outside mirror.

If the inside view becomes blocked a slight tilt of your head provides a view to the rear zone.



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Objects in mirror are closer than they appear

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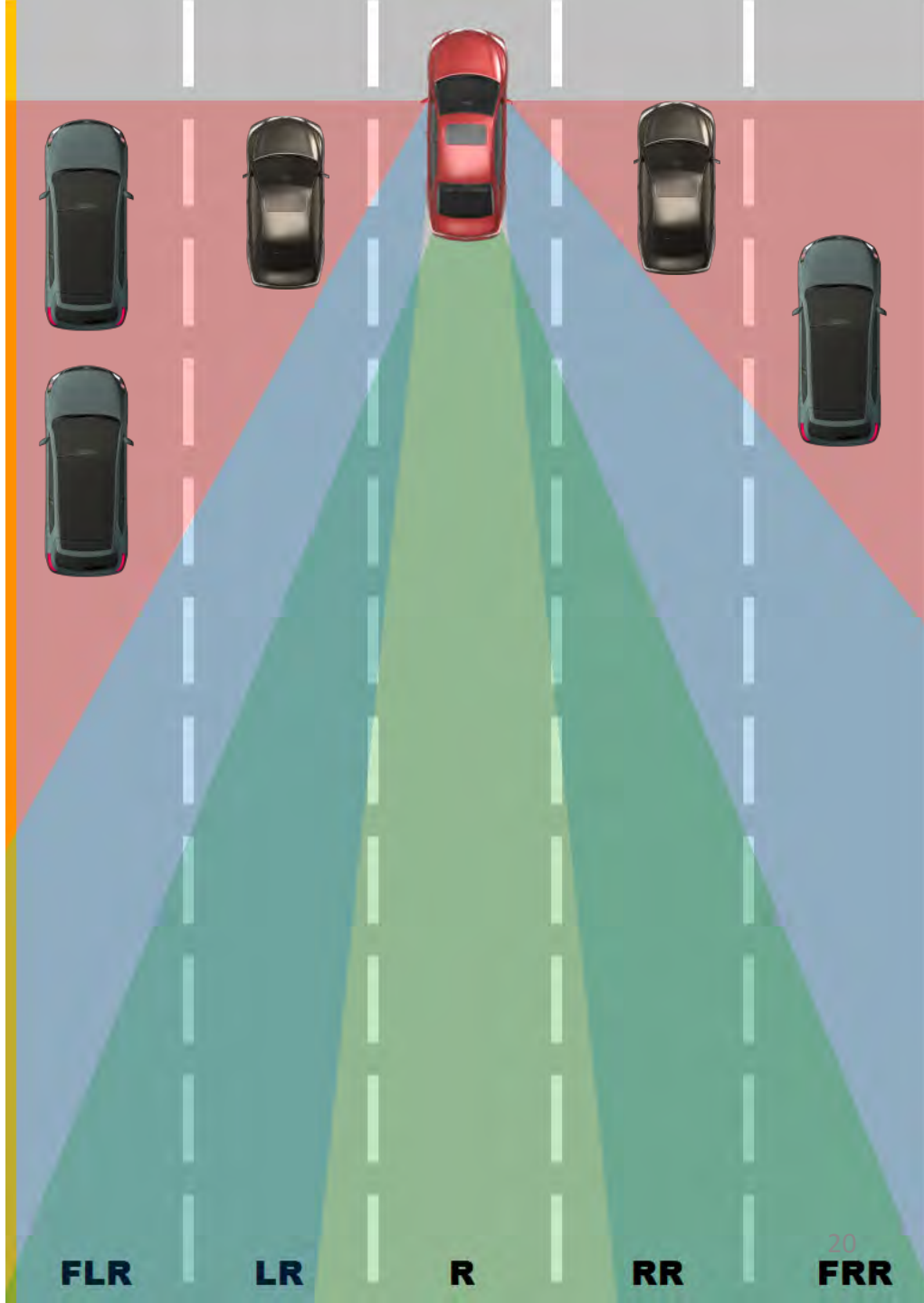
Disadvantages

Still have blindspots on both sides of your car.

If you don't see something in the inside or an outside mirror the blindspot may be occupied.



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Blindspots are smaller, but a lot can still be hidden!



Look over your shoulder to know if the blindspot is occupied or not!



Left Blindspot



Right Blindspot

What parts of the car could block your view of the left or right blindspots?

Ignition



Lights

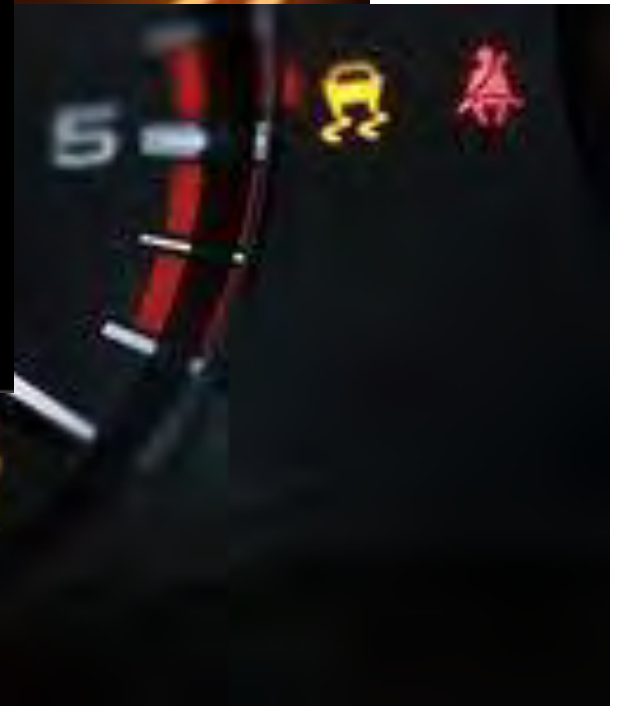
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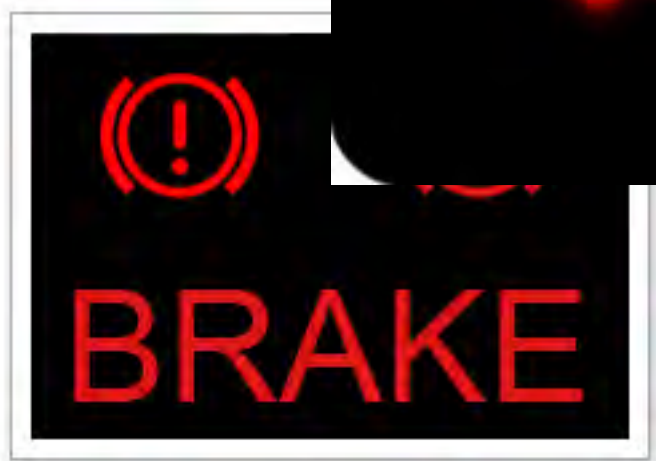
Warning Lights

STARTING THE CAR

Dash Lights at Startup







Warning Lights

2.1 Factsheet Alert and Warning Controls